Illegal parking sites in MCD and NDMC areas

601. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of illegal parking sites functioning in the areas of Municipal Corporation of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Council together with the annual amount of losses being suffered by the local bodies; and

(b) by when, Government would take strict action to check the illegal parking sites being run by the mafia and protect general public from being looted, indecent behaviour and also prevent the loss of revenue to the tune of crores of rupees being caused to the local bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Maintenance of Photo Type Setting System-6

602. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate of Printing has incurred an amount of Rs. 78,43,280/- during the period from 1st June, 1994 to 30th November, 2001 on the maintenance of 100 terminals of photo-type setting system-6;

(b) whether most of the terminals were found to be out of use and press authorities failed to furnish the terminal-wise utilization before the CAG investigating team;

(c) whether an unprofessional monitoring system and the existence of nexus between officers of Directorate of Printing made it easier for the firm to claim inflated amount from Government; and

(d) if so, the action contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) An amount of Rs. 76.60 lakhs has been spent on maintenance of phototype setting system-6 during the period from June, 1994 to November, 2001. This amount has been spent on maintenance of the whole PTS System-6 which comprises of 4 main frames, 2 disc drivers,

2 laser printers, 3 type setters, and 3 day light processors besides 103 Nos. video display terminals. This amount includes expenditure on maintenance of DTP Unit of the Press (comprising of 12 terminals, 4 laser printers, one scanner, one set of intelligent hub and one image setter) which has been included in the AMC of PTS System-6 since June, 1998.

(b) Most of the terminals of PTS System-6 were being used continuously as per job requirement and availability of staff. Only recently (i.e. since Oct., 2001), 50 terminals of this system have gone out of order due to failure of hard disk drive/Disc pack.

The PTS System-6 along with the DTP system are entrusted with urgent time bound Parliamentary jobs and the priority is given to quick processing of these jobs. As such both the PTS system and DTP system are put to work simultaneously. It is, therefore, not possible to maintain record of terminalwise, production data. All these terminals are connected to the PTS system and act as a unit, therefore, terminalwise utilization has no meaning. The audit has been apprised about this on 9.8.2001.

(c) The annual maintenance contract for this system has been awarded to M/s APM Sales Corporation, who are the exclusive representative of the manufacturer of PTS System-6 i.e. M/s Lino type of U.K. The annual maintenance contracts have been awarded only after following the codal formalities of open tender system and with the approval of the competent authority and with the concurrence of finance. Therefore, the question of unprofessional monitoring and existence of any nexus does not arise.

(d) In view of (b) and (c) above the question does not arise.

Levy of user charges by States

603. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have asked States to levy user charges as part of an exercise to help States to augment resources for undertaking urban infrastructure projects;

(b) whether this levy of user charges is a precondition for accessing Central aid for urban reforms; and